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as it will not satisfy those who desire a personal immortality, so also is beyond the reach of criticism in short compass, implying as it does a definite philosophical system.

P. E. WINTER.

Man's Responsibility; or How and Why the Almighty introduced Evil upon the Earth, by T. G. CARSON. G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York and London, 1905. pp. v, 524.

An exposition in detail of the plan of the Almighty in the creation of mankind, together with suggestions, derived from the principles involved, for the betterment of government and society. "The design adopted by the Creator evidently was to construct man in the manner which he judged best for him, and so to place him, that he could put to use all the functions and capacities with which he was endowed. I cannot see how it is possible that this plan can strike any one with surprise. . . . Everything that is constructed upon earth is formed of materials, and the materials of which the human mind is formed are principles. But all materials are alike capable of being used for good purposes and for bad. A man who is constructing a house may seize a batten, and with it slay his brother. Are battens therefore to be eschewed, and houses reprobated? Nonsense like this is not entertained when discussing practical affairs. Neither, it is clear, do such considerations weigh with the Almighty" (pp. 351 ff.).

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